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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kazushige SAKURAI, et al.) Examiner: Robert B. Beatty
Application No.: 09/933,827) Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: August 22, 2001) RCE Filed: June 18, 2003
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,) Confirmation No. 7275
CARTRIDGE, IMAGE FORMING) Not. of All. 3/18/03
SYSTEM AND STORAGE MEDIUM) June 18, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be further amended as follows: